What is claimed is:

1.   A method for setting up and charging for a
telecommunications link, between a first telecommunications
subscriber in a location and a second telecommunications
subscriber in a communications network, comprising:
        applying a preferential charge tariff for setting up
the telecommunications link if the location of the first
telecommunications subscriber belongs to a selection of
locations, where set-up of the telecommunications link is
controlled by an intelligent network; and
        providing information required for location-based
charging to the communications network from an external
service logic unit via an open network interface.

2.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a
preferential charge tariff is used for charging if one or
more other selected conditions are satisfied.

3.   The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
        interrogating a data store associated with the external
service logic unit to determine whether the location of the
first telecommunications subscriber belongs to the selection
of locations.

4.   The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:
        interrogating data stores associated with the external
service logic unit to determine whether the location of the
first telecommunications subscriber belongs to the selection
of locations and whether the other selected conditions are
satisfied.

5.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the information required for charge billing is recorded by
the external service logic unit and is forwarded via the
open network interface to a billing unit provided for charge

billing in the communications network after the
telecommunications link has been terminated.

6.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein in that the
open network interface is a Parlay or an OSA API.